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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Eric H. Kawashima et al.

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PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

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Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) dated December 14, 1999 for one month, from January 14, 2000 to February 14, 2000. An appropriate response is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$110.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,



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